

2017 Proposed Amendments to the Texas Constitution Election set for Tuesday – November 7, 2017

VOTE: These recommendations were researched and written by the Legislative Chair for Texas Democratic Women of the Texas Hill Country. There are three resources for information on the amendments that are available online:

House Research Organization – Publications – Constitutional Amendments

League of Women Voters of Texas – Voters Guide

Texas Legislative Council – Publications – Constitutional Amendments (2 documents)

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	Subject	Description	Bill#	VOTE
1	Taxes	"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution."	HJR 21	YES
2	Housing	"The constitutional amendment to establish a lower amount for expenses that can be charged to a borrower and removing certain financing expense limitations for a home equity loan, establishing certain authorized lenders to make a home equity loan, changing certain options for the refinancing of home equity loans, changing the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, and allowing home equity loans on agricultural homesteads."	SJR 60	NO
3	State Ex	"The constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain officeholders appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate after the expiration of the person's term of office."	SJR 34	YES
4	State Ex	"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional."	SJR 6	NO
5	Gambling	"The constitutional amendment on professional sports team charitable foundations conducting charitable raffles."	HJR 100	NO
6	Taxes	"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."	SJR 1	YES
7	Banking	"The constitutional amendment relating to legislative authority to permit credit unions and other financial institutions to award prizes by lot to promote savings."	HJR 37	NO/YES

HJR = House Joint Resolution SJR = Senate Joint Resolution

Dates for the November Election on 7 Amendments to Texas Constitution

Tuesday - October 10, 2017 – Last Day to register to vote in the November election

Monday – October 23, 2017 – First Day of Early Voting

Friday – October 27, 2017 – Last day to apply for mail-in ballot – Please note:

An application for a mail-in ballot must be *received* by the county election department on this day.

Friday - November 3, 2017 – Last Day for Early Voting

Tuesday – November 7, 2017 – Election Day and note:

A mail-in ballot must be *received* by the county election department on this day.